

Genealogical Society Hears Informative Program Sat.

The September meeting of the Walker County Genealogical Society was held Saturday morning at the Huntsville Public Library.

Presiding at the business session was Mrs. J. Rush Stewart, president. A report was given by Mrs. Malvin Stewart on genealogical books of Tennessee. She gave names, authors, prices and information about each book and author, in order that members might make better selections in purchasing these books.

Mrs. J. W. Faulkner reported on the September 12 Waco Workshop on Genealogy, she being the only delegate from the local society. She said that it was a very informative meeting. The main speaker was Miss Kendall J. Cram, director of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, an unusually interesting speaker who gave some very helpful suggestions and information.

Topics which Miss Cram discussed were the settlement of Tennessee, routes of migration, development of government and laws regarding the keeping of records most valuable to genealogists. She told where records can be found and described sources housed in the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

William R. McClintock, Jr., a new member of the local Genealogical Society, told about the wealth of church records, of the Episcopal Church, available at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin.

There are numerous books in the Estill Library at Sam Houston State University that contain much genealogical information, Mrs. Joe Malak, Jr., reported. They can be found on the fourth floor, she said.

In Arkansas last month to do some genealogical research, Mrs. J. Edward McClendon was very successful in finding many family names and much in-

formation in the archives at the State House and at the courthouse in Little Rock, she reported.

Dr. James Tarver named the Historical Survey Committees as an additional source of genealogical information. He attended a ceremony recently in Burleson County, where the Survey Committee placed a marker at the site of the first church in the colony on land given by one of his ancestors.

Mrs. H. L. Costilow related some interesting experiences she had at the second family reunion of her mother's relatives, after she had located some of them by writing numerous letters. Her success was evident from the fact that 125 members attended the reunion. Mrs. Costilow is now searching for the Revolutionary ancestor of one of the little girls in the family who wishes to join the DAR. She is searching at the child's request.

Mrs. J. R. Stewart presented a short program on the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, telling when and where it was organized, the aims of the organization, its membership and projects. One interesting fact she mentioned was that every member of one of the Austin chapters is a descendant of the same ancestor.

The October program will be about National Archives and Military Records and will be presented by Mrs. T. E. Humphrey.